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SUBJECT: JANUARY 14 EA PRESS SUMMARY

1. INDOCHINA

VN ADMITS CRIME/UNEMPLOYMENT/SUBVERSION ARE NATION'S WORST
PROBLEMS. BLAMES "CAPITALISTS"/"REACTIONARIES" (UPI, NYT).
NATL ASSY MAPS OUT DETAILS 1977 DEVELOPMENT PLAN (UPI,
LAT 1/12).

2. THAILAND

AIR SIAM PLANS SUSPEND OPNS FOR 2ND TIME IN 2 WKS DUE DIS-
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AGREEMENT W/RTG OVER OPERATING LICENSE (WSJ).

3. INDONESIA

FRETILIN CLAIMS CONTROL 80 PCT FORMER PORT TIMOR TERRITORY.
SAYS HAS KILLED 160 INDO TROOPS LAST MO (REUTER, PHINQ).

4. CHINA

ISAACS (SUN) NOTES PRC DENIES TENG HSIAO-PING NAMED PREMIER. ADDS DENIAL NOT LIKELY QUELL SPECULATION ABOUT TENG SINCE POSTER CAMPAIGN INDICATES TENG SUPPORTERS STRONG ENOUGH TO PUT MESSAGE BEFORE PUBLIC W/O INTERFERENCE FROM AUTHORITIES. DETECTS HINTS THAT TENG'S STATUS STILL UNDER REVIEW IN RECENT HSINHUA DISPATCH.

THOUSANDS LINE UP DAILY IN NANKING TO VISIT SHRINE TO CHOU EN-LAI (REUTER, SUN). PEKING MAYOR WU TEH, UNDER ATTACK EARLIER FOR COOPERATING W/RADICALS, DEFENDED IN 24-PG WALL POSTER. MADAME CHEN MU-HUA APPOINTED MINISTER ECON RELS, REPLACING LONG-MARCHER FANG YI (REUTER PEKING).

PRC UN REP OMITTS USUAL COURTESIES TO SC SOVIET PRES, ATTACKS USSR POLICIES IN AFRICA. IMF ASKS PRC IF CONSIDERING BECOMING FULL-FLEDGED MEMBER. AIM IS TO HELP IMF RESOLVE LEGAL PROBLEM INVOLVING DISPOSITION SOME GOLD CHINA PAID IN DURING 1946 (REUTER).

HICKMAN (WP) DESCRIBES DIFFICULTIES GIDEON BIBLE SMUGGLERS HAVE IN GETTING SCRIPTURE INTO PRC. NOTES REPORT 1 COURIER SLAIN BY FIRING SQUAD.

TAIWAN JAILS CONTRACTOR FOR CHINAT MILITARY WHO ALLEGEDLY PADDED BILL SUBMITTED TO ROCG BY ROBERTSHAW CONTROLS CO (WSJ).

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5. JAPAN

LACHICA (WSJ TOKYO) COMPARES US/JAPANESE PLANS BOOST ECONOMY. WHILE CARTER EMPHASIZES TAX CUTS, FUKUDA PINNING HOPES ON EXPANDED PUBLIC WORKS; BOTH SEE METHODS BEST FOR RESPECTIVE ECONOMIES. OBSERVERS SAY JAPAN MAY AGAIN BE CRITICIZED FOR NOT DOING ENOUGH GET INDUSTRIALIZED WORLD OUT OF SLUMP, AS ITS BILLIONS IN PUBLIC WORKS WILL BENEFIT DOMESTIC INDUSTRIES RATHER THAN FOR CONTRACTORS.

IN LENGTHY ARTICLE ON 200-MILE LIMIT, RISTORI (NYT 1/14) NOTES SOVIET 200-MILE LIMIT RESULT DISSATISFACTION W/JAPANESE FISHERMEN WORKING OFF SOV'S PAC COAST.

JAPAN PLANS SELL 3.2 MIL OZ GOLD AT NEAR MARKET PRICES TO HELP FINANCE BUDGET DEFICIT (WSJ).

JAPANESE BANKRUPTCIES SET RECORD IN DEC, BRINGING '76 TOTAL TO 15,641 (WSJ).

PRODUCTION SONY'S "TRINITRON" COLOR TV REACHED 10 MIL MARK SINCE FIRM PUT NEW SERIES ON SALE 8 YRS AGO (UPI, JOC).

KUBOTA LTD, MFR IRON PIPES, AGRIC/INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY TO RAISE PRICES 5 PCT ON NEARLY ALL PRODUCTS NEXT JUNE (WSJ).

LAT (1/12) CARRIES AP FOTO PRINCE AYA TAKING PART IN DRILL DURING 3-DAY WINTER KENDO EXERCISES IN TOKYO.

6. JAPAN/KOREA

HALL (WSTAR 1/13) REPORTS CARTER PROPOSAL WITHDRAW US TROOPS KOREA SPARKS FEAR AMONG JAPANESE. NONLEFTIST OBSERVERS AGREE THAT NK TAKEOVER BY AGGRESSIVE WAR WOULD LEAD JAPAN REARM HEAVILY. GOJ OFFICIALS/FON DIPLOMATS HESITANT SPECULATE, BUT FON MINISTRY MADE IT CLEAR JAPAN WANTS NO UNCLASSIFIED

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SUDDEN CHANGES THAT WOULD DISRUPT NORTH EA BALANCE/NO US WITHDRAWAL W/O NEW PEACEKEEPING MECHANISM ON KOREAN PENINSULA. HALL INTERVIEWS SCHOLARS/DIETMEN WHO SPECULATE ON IMPACT US WITHDRAWAL/BEST COURSE JAPAN'S FUTURE KOREAN POL.

7. KOREA

IN MESSAGE HANDED TO REPS UN FORCES, NK ACCUSED US OF SENDING HIGH-ALTITUDE PLANE ON SPY MISSION OVER ITS TERRITORY (REUTER HK).

CARTER HAS TOLD MEMBERS CONGRESS WILL USE HIS INFLUENCE W/PARK TO EASE POL REPRESSION SK WHILE AT SAME TIME MOVE AHEAD WITHDRAWAL US GROUND TROOPS. STATED US SHOULD CONTINUE AIR COVER/BE SURE SK HAS OWN TROOPS FOR ADEQUATE DEFENSE. CARTER OFFICIAL REPORTED CONSIDERATION US CONTACTS W/NK AS PART WITHDRAWAL POLICY, BUT NO CONSENSUS REACHED AMONG CARTER TEAM (OBERDORFER/WALSH, WP).

"US NEWS/WORLD REPORT" MAG (1/17) REPORTS PENTAGON PAPERS SUBMITTED TO CARTER INCL OPPOSITION TROOP WITHDRAWAL PROPOSAL BECAUSE THEIR PRESENCE "SHOWS RESOLVE, DETERS AGGRESSION," IS NOT COSTLIER THAN BASING SOLDIERS IN US.

FRESHMEN CONGRESSMEN ASK REP FLYNT WHETHER INVESTIGATION KOREAN INFLUENCE-PEDDLING SHOULDN'T BE MOVED OUT OF HIS ETHICS CMTE, SINCE 4 CMTE MEMBERS "MAY HAVE COME UNDER KOREAN INFLUENCE." FLYNT SAID HE WAS RELIABLY INFORMED THAT THERE WAS NO SUCH INVOLVEMENT BY CMTE MEMBERS, BUT ADDED WILL ASK FOR RULE ALLOWING MEMBERS DISQUALIFY THEMSELVES IF PROBLEM (RUSSELL, WP 1/13).

HOUSE DEM STEERING CMTE APPROVES SPEAKER O'NEILL'S PERSON-
AL CHOICES FILL ETHICS CMTE VACANCIES: REPS HAMILTON (IND),
PREYER (NC), FLOWERS (ALA). CHOICES VIEWED AS EARLY TEST
O'NEILL'S WILLINGNESS BACK UP PROMISE TO PRESS FOR STRICTER
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ETHICS CODE FOR HOUSE MEMBERS (BABCOCK, WP).

SURVEY 75 CAMPUSES CONDUCTED BY JEWISH CAMPUS MOVEMENT
FINDS REV MOON FOLLOWERS HAVE FAILED PENETRATE COLLEGE
COMMUNITY (NYT).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

8. INDOCHINA

IN WP, EX-CIA DIRECTOR COLBY APPEALS FOR US MOVE TOWARD
HEALING WAR'S WOUNDS BOTH HERE AND IN VN. CALLS FOR HONOR-
ING THOSE WHO ANSWERED CALL TO DUTY/WELCOMING BACK THOSE
WHO FOLLOWED CONSCIENCES INTO DISOBEDIENCE/EXILE. IN
DEALING W/VN, ADVISES MUTUAL RECOGNITION TRUE FUTURE
INTERESTS EACH SIDE. SAYS VN CAN ASK AID/ASSURANCE AGAINST
EFFORTS VS SOVEREIGNTY, WHILE US CAN ASK MIA ACCOUNTING/
HUMANITARIAN TREATMENT FOR FORMER ALLIES/ASSOCIATES STILL
IN VN. BELIEVES BOTH SIDES SHOULD REFRAIN FROM APPORTION-
ING BLAME, ACT TO REPAIR WAR DAMAGE. THINKS MANY SVIETS
SHOULD BE ALLOWED LEAVE/COME TO US.

WP OPINES COLBY WELL-SITUATED TO COMMENT, APPLAUDS STAND.
THINKS HE OFFERS VALUABLE PERSONAL MODEL BROAD/HUMANE/
FORWARD-LOOKING VIEW FREE FROM DEMANDS VENGEANCE/PENANCE
THAT US OUGHT BE TAKING. SAYS SAME VIEW COMES THRU IN
CONCERN FOR HUMAN-RTS VIOLATIONS IN VN RECENTLY VOICED BY
GROUP FORMER ANTIWAR ACTIVISTS. ADVISES US PURSUE DIRECT
NEGOTS W/INDOCHINESE GOVTS.

9. INDOCHINESE REFUGEES

MCARTHUR (LAT 1/13) REVIEWS CONTROVERSIAL OPN RESCUE SVIET
REFUGEES, TAKE THEM AUSTRALIA/GUAM. NOTES RELIGIOUS GROUP
BEHIND PLAN, ATTEMPTS LURE "BOAT PEOPLE" FROM THAI REF
CAMPS- SAYS US/AUSSIE OFFICIALS COOL TO EFFORT, UNHCR
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PEOPLE ANGERED BY APPEAL TO THOSE IN CAMPS, SVIETS IN

CAMPS SUSPICIOUS OF OFFER. SEES AUSSIES DISTURBED BY EVIDENCE RESCUE EFFORT SERIOUS.

10. AUSTRALIA

CSM LOOKS AT AUSSIE PUBLISHER MURDOCH'S FORAY INTO US, BELIEVES HIS VITALITY/CLOUT COULD USEFULLY SHAKE UP US PRESS. HOPES MURDOCH DOESN'T TRY BEAT TV AT GAME OF

TRIVIA/SENSATIONALISM, BUT COMPETES ON "HIGH ROAD."

11. CHINA

WP'S MATHEWS SAYS DOS OFFICIALS HAVE TAKEN "KEEN INTEREST" IN PEOPLE'S DAILY CONCILIATORY LANGUAGE RE SETTLEMENT TAIWAN QUESTION THRU PEACEFUL NEGOTS. HK ANALYSTS PUZZLED OVER CHINESE FAILURE TRANSMIT PORTION ARTICLE DEALING W/US-PRC RELS, TAIWAN OVER ENGLISH-LANG NCNA WIRE.

BUTTERFIELD (NYT) REPORTS HK ANALYSTS BELIEVE HOW REHABILITATE TENG CAUSING SERIOUS DEBATE IN PEKING, BUT EMPHASIZE THAT VERY LITTLE ACTUALLY KNOWN ABOUT SITUATION. SPECULATION ALSO EXISTS THAT DIRECTIVE FROM PRC'S NEW LEADERS TO REHABILITATE TENG MAY BE FRAUD PUT OUT BY TENG SUPPORTERS TO SPUR PUBLIC BACKING FOR HIS RETURN.

GROSS (LAT 1/13) REVIEWS 2 SHORT DOCUMENTARIES/FEATURE FILM FROM PRC, SHOWN IN LA 1/13. NOTES PRESENTATION EXEMPLIFIES CINEMA AS GOVT INSTRUMENT DESIGNED DEVELOP REVOLUTIONARY CONSCIOUSNESS RATHER THAN ENTERTAIN.

12. GENERAL

GLOBE'S SNOW ASKS HOW HAK WILL BE JUDGED; BELIEVES HISTORIANS MUST DO THIS. MENTIONS HAK FACILITATION NIXON-UNCLASSIFIED

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INSPIRED OPENING TO PRC. BELIEVES PRESENT STRESS ON MORALITY IN FOPOLICY DUE IMMORAL/HAK-SANCTIONED POLICIES IN CAMBODIA/VN/CHILE. KISSINGER

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